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Applicant: Sternberg, *et al.*

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For: POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE GENE  
HOMOLOGS REQUIRED FOR MALE  
MATING BEHAVIOR IN NEMATODES  
AND ASSAYS BASED THEREON

Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: Unassigned



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment, a check for the requisite fee for excess claims (\$9), and a postcard for filing in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any submitted herewith if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount or otherwise improper or missing, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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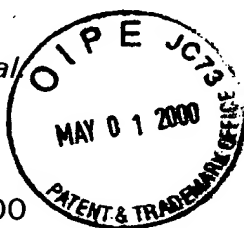
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

at page 12, line 10, please replace "celphalic" with —cephalic—;

at page 13, line 12, please replace "mutantation" with —mutation—;

at page 13, line 30, please replace "hmologs" with —homologs—;

at page 22, line 7, please insert —be— between "may" and "one";

at page 22, line 11, please replace "are" with —is—;

at page 25, line 14, please replace " and " with —,—;

at page 25, line 16, please insert — protein-coding genes— after  
"19,099";

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